Iowa Department of Human Services
CHILD CARE CENTER EVALUATION AND RECOMMENDATION FOR LICENSE

Name of Center: Sioux Center EHS Toddler Center **Enrollment:** 8 **License ID No. (Reapplications)** 44853

Street: 1070 7th Ave NE **City:** Sioux Center Iowa **Zip** 51250 **County:** Sioux

Mailing Address: 1070 7th Ave NE, Sioux Center, IA, 51250

Director's Name: Kendra Rensink **Phone Number:** 712-722-2473

On-Site Supervisor(s): Angela Hannigan **E-Mail:** scehstc@midsioux.org

Date(s) of Visit: 02-15-2024

Licensing Visit **Unannounced Visit** X **Off Year Visit** **Administrative Change**

LICENSING VISITS

New Application **Re-Application** X **NA**

Signed Application (470-0722) Received X **Yes** **No** **NA** **Date Signed:** 01-05-2023

FIRE INSPECTION X **State** **Local** **NA** **Is Fire Inspection Approved?** X **Yes** **No** **NA**

Date Inspected: 05-23-2022

Comments :

LICENSE TYPE: X **Child Care** **Preschool (ages 3-5 meets three hours or less per day)**

Financial Type: Profit X Non-Profit NA

Accredition: Accredited NAEYC NSACA Other X NA

Program Serves: X Infants (0-23 mo.) X 2 Years Preschool-Age School-Age

Get-Well Evening Care Special Needs

SCHEDULE: X Year-round School-Year Summer Only

HOURS:	*Year-round*	*School-Year*	*Summer Only*

LICENSE CAPACITY	Infants	2 Years	Preschool	School-Age	Capacity
General		8			8
Summer					0

QRS Rating: 3

RECOMMENDATION FOR LICENSE:	
X	**FULL** license from 03-01-2023 to 03-01-2025
	PROVISIONAL license from
	DENIAL of initial application
	SUSPENSION of license
	REVOCATION of license

Licensing Consultant: Jana Drew **Date:** 02-16-2024

I. IF CURRENT LICENSE IS PROVISIONAL, IDENTIFY THE CORRECTIVE ACTIONS

II. IDENTIFY THE AREAS OBSERVED ON THE VISIT:

Visited center on 02-15-24 and spoke with staff member Alexis Montelongo as Angela Hannigan onsite supervisor/lead teacher was not present. Ms. Hannigan has an associates degree in Early Childhood and several years experience working with children. Sioux Center Early Head Start is located in the Appletree Early Childhood Center. Sioux Center Early Head Start operates 8:30 am to 3pm Monday thru Thursday and 8:30am to 1:00pm on Fridays. The Early Head Start program is year around to include the summer months to assist those children with consistency. The program closes for two weeks in the month of August to after Labor Day which then starts the next school year. The Early Head Start program is specifically designed for children 18 months to 36 months. The program follows the local school district on snow days. This year the program is back to being open all week as last year they were not holding the program on Wednesdays due to lack of staff.

There are 8 children enrolled in the program. At the time of the visit all 8 children were present. All areas of the program were observed. These areas observed consisted of classroom observations and activities, health and safety practices, field trip and transportation practices, and administrative review. The center continues in following all guidelines put forth by DHS regarding the corona-virus and doing everything they can to support their staff and families. The center has been cleaning toys that children use. Sufficient amount of toys and equipment for the number of children. Daily schedule of activities was posted. Displayed throughout the room were colors, shapes, five senses, children's artwork and the alphabet. Observed staff assisting children with a variety of activities, talking to the children throughout the visit, leading the children in exercise, reminding the children about rules, engaging the children in activities, and reading stories to the children. Staff had good interaction with the children. The center utilizes Highscope curriculum and Gold assessments.

Staff files will be reviewed at a later date as they are located in the main Headstart Office.

Refrigerator is clean and kept at the appropriate temperature. All meals are prepared by the daycare (Appletree Early Childhood Center) and brought to the classroom. Nutritious meals are prepared onsite in a kitchen that is inaccessible to the children. The center follows the CACFP guidelines. Good food storage practices are followed, however it is recommended to put a lid on the snack container. The kitchen is very clean. Menus were posted.

Medication is stored in a lock box or out of reach of the children. Center currently does not administer any medications. Observed good hand washing procedures by staff and children. First aid kit is sufficient to treat minor injuries. Fire/tornado drills are documented each month. Annual heating inspection completed. Radon test has been completed and within normal range. Center has a functioning carbon monoxide detector. All program areas were observed to be clean and well maintained. Good health and safety policies /procedures are in place.

A fenced-in playground is close to the building which they share with the Appletree Early Childcare center. Poured rubber surfacing material is around all of the equipment on the playground. The program sometimes will use a grassy area just outside their room to go outside to play. Monthly playground inspections were complete. The program does have access to an indoor multipurpose room for a playground which is shared with the daycare center.

There are no field trips. Every activity comes to the center and makes presentations to the children. The school or regional transit system transports the children to and from home.

Goals that work on collaborating with Appletree Childcare.

Strengths: The program have staff are bilingual to assist with families. Staff work hard to support families. Staff work well as a team and have a good relationship with families they serve as well as the childcare center.

III. IDENTIFY THE OBSERVED STRENGTHS OF THE CENTER:

Center does home visits as well as conferences 2x per year.

Center displays the children's art work in all the rooms.

Toys, books and equipment is at the children's level and accessible.

Staff provide a nurturing environment for the children to develop and grow.

Center is well organized.

Center has child size furniture throughout the rooms

IV. IDENTIFY THE ASPECTS OF OPERATION THAT FALL BELOW THE STANDARDS REVIEWED:

none

V. SPECIAL NOTES/RECOMMENDATIONS:

A full license will remain in effect at this time.

At least one visit will be made to the center during the next year.

*Note: If you are the Child Care Center Director and you feel something is unclear or unjustly cited, please contact your DHS Licensing Consultant to discuss the issue. The child care director may also send a response which will be placed in the licensing file.

*Note: If you are a member of the general public, there may be additional information contained in the public file. You may contact the DHS Licensing Consultant to inquire.